

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, as follows.

5 This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application Number 60/483,719, filed June 30, 2003, and United States Provisional Application Number 60/528,169, filed December 9, 2003, each incorporated by reference herein. The present application is also related to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/562,618, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Communicating Symbols in a Multiple Input Multiple Output Communication System Using Interleaved Diagonal Loading of Subcarriers Across a Plurality of Antennas," United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/562,619, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Backwards Compatible  
10 Communication in a Multiple Input Multiple Output Communication System with Lower Order Receivers," and United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/562,617, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Backwards Compatible Communication in a Multiple Antenna Communication System Using FDM-Based Preamble Structures," each filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated by reference herein.